ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Compounds of Formula (I),

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are provided where T is CHO, COR_8 , or $C(OH)R_1R_2$; R_1 and R_2 are hydrogen, optionally substituted lower alkyl, CF_3 , optionally substituted alkenyl, or optionally substituted alkynyl; R_3 is hydrogen or optionally substituted lower alkyl; R_4 is $(CF_3)_n$ alkyl, $(CF_3)_n$ (substitutedalkyl), $(CF_3)_n$ alkylphenyl,

(CF₃)_nalkyl(substitutedphenyl), or (F)_ncycloalkyl; n=1-3; R₅ is hydrogen, halogen,
CF₃, diene fused to Y when Y=C, or substituted diene fused to Y when Y=C; W, Y
and Z are C, CR₆ or N where at least one of W, Y or Z are C; R₆ is hydrogen, halogen,
or optionally substituted lower alkyl; X is O, S, SO₂, or NR₇; R₇ is hydrogen,
optionally substituted lower alkyl, optionally substituted benzyl, or optionally
substituted phenyl; and R₈ is lower alkyl, CF₃, or optionally substituted phenyl.

Methods of preparing and using these compounds for inhibiting beta amyloid production and for treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Down's syndrome are also described.